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## Parolee Indicted for Three Murders, Rape and Kidnapping

A Grand Jury indictment was unsealed today charging a 31-year-old Los Angeles man with capital murder in the deaths of two women and a baby last year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Robert Lawrence Ransom Jr., aka BAM (dob 1/12/84), pleaded not guilty in case BA425362. He is being held without bail.

Deputy District Attorneys Guillermo Santiso and David Reinert with the Sex Crimes Division are prosecuting the case.

The seven-count indictment, returned on Jan. 12, charges Ransom with the March 1, 2014, murder of Margarite Evans; and the March 5, 2014, murders of Gisella Yauli and her 1-year-old son, Dillon Reyes. The indictment includes the special circumstance of multiple murders. Prosecutors will decide later whether to seek the death penalty against Ransom.

Evans, 19, died after she was found near the corner of West 93rd Street and South Grand Avenue. Yauli, 28, and her son were found dead after a fire broke out in their residence in the 100 block of East 50th Street.

The indictment includes the March 20, 2014, rape, attempted murder, kidnapping to commit robbery and second-degree robbery of a 16-year-old girl who was abducted and doused with gasoline. The teen was forced into a white van on East Gage Avenue near South San Pedro Street, assaulted and later managed to escape.

Ransom originally was charged in April 2014 her abduction and rape in case BA423190. That case will be dismissed following the superceding indictment.

A co-defendant in the earlier case, Juliana Tobar (dob 12/26/84) is being tried separately in case BA432493. She pleaded not guilty to one count each of attempted, premeditated murder, kidnapping to commit robbery, second-degree robbery and forcible rape of the 16-year-old victim. She returns to Department 30 on March 4 to set a date for her preliminary hearing.

Ransom is scheduled to return March 3 to the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 108 for pretrial.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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